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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This is in response to the Official Action mailed August 24, 2004. Claim 22 has been amended to overcome the Examiner's formal objections thereto, including the Examiner's formal objections to the drawings and to the specification. Amendments to the specification are being made to correct minor typographical errors. No new matter has been added to the subject application as a result of the changes made thereto. Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application, as amended, are respectfully requested.

Claim 22 has been amended required that the controller is capable of receiving a first input signal representing a current feedback signal and a second input signal representing a soft start signal. Claim 22 has also been amended to require that each said input signal support an associated function of said controller during operation of said controller.

The claim amendments to independent claim 22 are similar to the claim amendments done in co-pending divisional application serial no. 10/139,619. In the present case, claims 22-28 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103 as being unpatentable over Nalbant in view of O'Neill and Ehrenhardt et al. This claim rejection is identical to the claim rejection found in the aforementioned '619 application. The claim amendments in the '619 application resulted in a Notice of Allowability in that case. Accordingly, given the identical claim rejection between the present case and the '619 application and the claimed subject matter, it is respectfully submitted that claim 22, as currently presented, is in condition for allowance. Thus, no specific discussion of the Examiner's art rejection is believed necessary.

Claims 22-28 stand provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 15-21 of co-pending

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application no. 10/139,619. Accordingly, filed concurrently with this amendment is a Terminal Disclaimer to overcome the Examiner's double-patenting rejection. Thus, no further discussion of the double-patenting rejecting is believed necessary.

Having dealt with all the objections raised by the Examiner, it is respectfully submitted that the present application, as amended, is in condition for allowance. Thus, early allowance is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner desires personal contact for further disposition of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned Attorney at 603.668.6560.

In the event there are any fees due, please charge them to our Deposit Account No. 50-2121.

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